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1. An electronic apparatus comprising:  
a transmitter transmitting an electronic mail  
in which a symbol including image information which  
enables a sender to be specified therefrom is  
10 included within signature information of the  
electronic mail.

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2. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 1, further comprising:  
a generator generating the image information by  
inputting an image of the sender.

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3. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 2, wherein said transmitter transmits the  
electronic mail only when an error between the image  
information generated by said generator and  
prestored image information is within a  
predetermined range.

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4. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein the image information includes an  
image related to at least a face of the sender.

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5. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 1, further comprising:

an adding unit adding to the signature  
information a parameter which indicates an  
5 importance of the electronic mail.

10 6. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 5, wherein the parameter indicates the  
importance of the electronic mail by a display  
format of the signature information.

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20 7. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 5, wherein the parameter includes information  
which indicates a display priority order of the  
electronic mail.

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30 8. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 5, wherein the parameter includes character,  
image and/or audio information indicating a summary  
of the electronic mail.

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9. The electronic apparatus as claimed in  
claim 7, wherein the information which indicates the  
display priority order of the electronic mail  
includes at least one of a display position and a

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display timing of the signature information.

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10. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the symbol includes information used for linking to the sender.

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11. An electronic apparatus comprising:  
a receiver receiving an electronic mail in  
15 which a symbol including image information which  
enables a sender to be specified therefrom is  
included within signature information of the  
electronic mail; and

20 a display unit displaying the image information  
of the electronic mail.

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12. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the image information includes an image related to at least a face of the sender.

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13. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the signature information further includes a parameter which indicates an importance of the electronic mail, and further comprising:  
a recognizing unit recognizing the importance

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based on the parameter.

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14. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said receiver receives information which indicates an importance of the signature information, and further comprising:

10 a display controller displaying, based on the information which indicates the importance of the signature information, the signature information on said display unit with a format which enables recognition of the importance.

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15. The electronic apparatus as claimed 20 in claim 14, wherein the information which indicates the importance of the signature information is included within the signature information.

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16. The electronic apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein said receiver receives information which indicates a display priority order 30 of the signature information, and further comprising:

a determining unit determining a display position of the signature information based on the information which indicates the display priority 35 order of the signature information.

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17. The electronic apparatus as claimed  
in claim 11, wherein said receiver receives  
information which indicates a display priority order  
of the signature information, and further  
5 comprising:

a determining unit determining a display timing  
of the signature information based on the  
information which indicates the display priority  
order of the signature information.

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15 18. The electronic apparatus as claimed  
in claim 17, wherein the information which indicates  
the display priority order of the signature  
information is included within the signature  
information.

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19. The electronic apparatus as claimed  
in claim 11, wherein the signature information  
25 includes character, image and/or audio information  
indicating a summary of the electronic mail.

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20. The electronic apparatus as claimed  
in claim 11, wherein the symbol includes information  
used for linking to the sender.

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21. An electronic apparatus comprising:  
a receiver receiving an electronic mail  
including at least signature information and  
information which indicates an importance thereof;  
5 a display unit displaying the electronic mail;  
and  
a display controller displaying the signature  
information on said display unit with a format which  
enables recognition of the importance, based on the  
10 information which indicates the importance.

15 22. An electronic apparatus comprising:  
a transmitter transmitting an electronic mail  
by adding to signature information of the electronic  
mail a parameter which indicates an importance of  
the electronic mail.

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25 23. A control apparatus for an electronic  
apparatus having a transmitter, comprising:  
a controller controlling the transmitter to  
transmit an electronic mail in which a symbol  
including image information which enables a sender  
to be specified therefrom is included within  
30 signature information of the electronic mail.

35 24. A control apparatus for an electronic  
apparatus having a receiver receiving an electronic  
mail and a display unit displaying the received

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electronic mail, comprising:

a controller controlling said receiver to receive an electronic mail in which a symbol including image information which enables a sender  
5 to be specified therefrom is included within signature information of the electronic mail, and for controlling said display unit to display the image information of the electronic mail.

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25. A control apparatus for an electronic apparatus having a receiver receiving an electronic  
15 mail including at least signature information and information which indicates an importance thereof and a display unit displaying the received electronic mail, comprising:

20 a display controller controlling said display unit to display the signature information with a format which enables recognition of the importance, based on the information which indicates the importance.

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26. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to  
30 have an electronic mail function, comprising:

a transmitting section causing the computer to transmit an electronic mail in which a symbol including image information which enables a sender to be specified therefrom is included within  
35 signature information of the electronic mail.

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27. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to have an electronic mail function, comprising:  
5      a receiving section causing the computer to receive an electronic mail in which a symbol including image information which enables a sender to be specified therefrom is included within signature information of the electronic mail; and  
10     a display section causing the computer to display the image information of the electronic mail.

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- 15     28. A computer-readable storage medium as which stores a program for causing a computer to have an electronic mail function, comprising:  
20     a receiving section causing the computer to receive an electronic mail including at least signature information and information which indicates an importance thereof;  
25     a display section causing the computer to display the electronic mail; and  
30     a display control section causing the computer to display the signature information by said display section with a format which enables recognition of the importance, based on the information which indicates the importance.

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